

Rice Planting for Waterfowl

Most varieties mature in 110 to 150 days.... Recommended Varieties: Cocodrie, Wells

Dates: April, May, and early June....Any time after early June will not allow rive enough growing season to mature.

Needs for one acre of rice.

1. 100 pounds of rice per acre (or 75 lbs/acre if growing in dry-land conditions).
2. 500 pounds 5-10-10 fertilizer per acre.
3. 200 pounds Urea(45-0-0) per acre.
4. Treflan pre-emergent, and 2,4-d post emergent Herbicides

Methods of planting

1. Dry planting
 - A. Spread **500 pounds of 5-10-10** per acre and disk in.
 - B. Recommend using a **moderate application of Treflan herbicide** to reduce early grass competition.
 - C. **Drill rice at 100 pounds/acre** or
 - D. **Broadcast 100/acre and disk in lightly**
 - a. (75 lbs/acre if growing in dry-land conditions)
 - E. When rice reaches the fourth leaf stage (about 8 inches) **broadcast 200 pounds per acre Urea (45-0-0)**. This is critical to rice production.
 - F. **Rice does best if it is flooded shallow or rained on immediately after the Urea application.**
 - a. Recommend closing water control structures to capture rain and keep the field wet...but be careful not to flood deeply.
 - b. do not flood rice more than 6 to 12 inches ...it does best when flooded with 2 inches of water...but most fields are not perfectly flat.
 - G. **Rice will still produce well on dry land if there is adequate rainfall.** Dry-land rice will not produce in dry/droughty conditions.
 - a. IF GROWING DRYLAND RICE...REDUCE SEEDING RATE TO 75 lbs per acre.
 - E. Broad-leaf weed problems can usually be controlled with a spray application of 2,4-D.
 - a. Grass competition can be controlled with a herbicide called Stamm but may be difficult to find outside Arkansas or Louisiana.
2. Planting on mud flats
 - A. Drain water just prior to planting to expose mud flats.
 - B. Soak rice seed in the bag for 8 hours and then allow to drain for 4 hours.
 - C. Broadcast rice on mud flats at 100 pounds / acre.
 - D. Broadcast 5-10-10 fertilizer immediately at 250 pounds / acre.
 - E. When rice sprouts about 2 inches broadcast 5-10-10 fertilizer at 250 pounds / acre.
 - F. When rice reaches fourth leaf stage (about 8 inches) broadcast Urea (45-0-0) at 200 pounds / acre.
 - G. Rice does best if it is flooded shallow or rained on immediately after the Urea application. However, it will still produce well on dry land if there is adequate rainfall.
 - H. Broad-leaf weed problems can usually be controlled with a spray application of 2,4-D.
 - a. Grass competition can be controlled with a herbicide called Stamm but may be

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